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6 July 1951

Dear Bob:

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Immediately upon his arrival here, [REDACTED] handed me your note of 27 June in which you made reference to a personal letter of recent date from myself to Al Gruenther and at the same time called my attention to your desire to act as channel to the SHAPE organization for all CIA intelligence information.

I can appreciate your desire to regularize the flow of intelligence to SHAPE and am entirely happy to be guided by your wishes in this connection. Actually, the note to Al Gruenther was the idea of a member of my staff—which I signed without giving it too much thought. I think the original intention was to maintain and refurbish to some extent the excellent relationship which I have always had with Al Gruenther, who incidentally was one of our strongest and most helpful supporters during the early and turbulent beginnings of OPC. I have had no occasion to communicate with Al since he took up his duties permanently at SHAPE and this seemed to offer an opportunity to drop him a note.

You may rest assured that in case I have any other items of an intelligence nature which I believe should be brought to the attention of General Gruenther or any other member of the SHAPE organization, I shall be only too happy to transmit it via yourself.

We had a long and very satisfactory discussion in Allen's office this morning on the general subject of our labor programs and relationships. [REDACTED] and others were present for the discussion with Allen, and we arrived at agreements on a considerable list of subjects. The details of these understandings will be communicated to you in due course either by a pouch or by [REDACTED] himself.

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I was particularly pleased to hear from [REDACTED] how well things are going [REDACTED] with all of you. You will remember the concern which you expressed on the score that [REDACTED] might not be fitting in too well with certain other members of the [REDACTED] staff although you were at pains to make it clear that you had no personal complaints to offer. I gather from what

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has said to us that things are working out in a very satisfactory way now that each is beginning to understand more clearly the extent and the limitations of his responsibilities.

Sincerely,

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